PRESENT—*cont.*

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Sreshta, Mr. M. S.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Srinivasan, Rao Bahadur R.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thangal, Mr. P. M.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Diwan Bahadur V. N.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Chemudu.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Sanction of Government for the appointment of religious instructors in Muhammadan schools.

* 538 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Government Order has been issued permitting the appointment of religious instructors for Muhammadan pupils in recognized Muhammadan secondary and elementary schools;

(*b*) under what category are such instructors to be classified by district educational councils for calculating grants to these teachers; and

(*c*) what the reasons are for the Government according such permission only to the Muhammadan community?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1727, Education, dated 22nd September 1933, which has been placed at the disposal of the press.

(*b*) Religious instructors as such are not eligible for grants from district educational councils.

(*c*) The Government Order quoted above explains the reasons for the concessions allowed therein in regard to the provision of religious instruction for Muslim pupils.

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether he will consider the question of introducing religious instruction with regard to other communities also?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The Government Order itself distinguishes the case of Muslims from other communities and gives special reasons for making this concession in favour of the Muslims. I do not see, in the circumstances, how this question arises at all."

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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know whether the Government think that the other communities do not require this religious instruction?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" It does not follow at all."

Industries

Disbandment of weaving parties.

* 539 *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) why weaving parties are disbanded; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to revive them in the near future?

A.—(*a*) The weaving parties were disbanded as a measure of retrenchment principally, because it was reported that the weavers had not come forward to benefit by the assistance which the parties offered.

(*b*) No.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I ask whether the Government will consider the advisability of reviving these weaving parties?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Not until the finances improve substantially."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I enquire if other measures necessary for the relief of the condition of weavers are contemplated?"

The hon Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" This money is required for other expenditure."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" May I know whether the Government have investigated the reason why the weavers are unwilling to take advantage of the benefits which the parties offered?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" It is a matter which the weavers can answer better than the Government."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" May I know whether the Government is investigating into these reasons?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" We know the fact that they do not take interest in these matters."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether the large number of weavers and their dependents do not require relief?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I cannot answer a question like that offhand."